

### Robert P. Joyce, UNC School of Government



Bob Joyce joined the School of Government (then the Institute of Government) in 1980. He previously practiced law with Chadbourne & Parke in New York and with Barber & Joyce in Pittsboro, NC. He is a past member of the executive committees of the Education Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Council of School Attorneys. He has served as editor of the School of Government's Legislative Reporting Service, *School Law Bulletin*, and *Popular Government*. His publications include *The Law of Employment in North Carolina's Public Schools*, *The Precinct Manual*, and chapters in *Education Law in North Carolina*. Joyce earned a BA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a JD from Harvard Law School. Fields of Expertise: Education Law; Elections Law; Employer-Employee Relations; Employment Law; Higher Education Law;

News Media-Government Relations; Office-Holding (Multiple and Incompatible); Open Meetings; Public Records (Personnel); Redistricting; School Law (School as Employer); Voting Rights

### Jim Blackburn, Jim Blackburn Seminars, LLC



Jim Blackburn became famous as the young prosecutor who prosecuted Jeffrey MacDonald for the murder of his wife and children in 1970 at Fort Bragg. Afterward, Jim joined a private law firm in Raleigh and became a prominent attorney with a thriving law practice. Several years ago, Jim Blackburn's fall from grace from the practice of law made the front pages of virtually every newspaper in North Carolina. What did not make the front page was Jim's diagnosis of severe depression, which nearly cost him his life. His subsequent imprisonment, and later waiting tables in a very public restaurant to survive, is the basis of his true story about redemption and the resiliency of the human spirit.

### Sara DePasquale, UNC School of Government



Sara DePasquale joined the School in May 2013. Previously, she was an attorney for seventeen years at Pine Tree Legal Assistance Inc., beginning her legal career there as a Skadden Fellow. In her last nine years at Pine Tree Legal, she was the directing attorney of Maine's first and only children's law project, KIDS LEGAL. She served as an adjunct professor with the University Of Maine School Of Law teaching juvenile law. She is a member of the North Carolina State Bar, State of Maine Bar, the U.S. District Court of Maine Bar, and the U.S. First Circuit Bar. DePasquale received a BA with honors in history and sociology from Binghamton University, is a magna cum laude graduate of the University Of Buffalo School Of Law, and also earned a dual degree with an MSW in child welfare/family systems from the University at Buffalo School of Social Work.

### The Honorable Scott C. Etheridge, District Court Judge:



Since 2002, Scott C. Etheridge has been a district court judge for the 19B Judicial District, which presides over Montgomery, Moore, and Randolph counties of North Carolina. He was re-elected to the 19B Judicial District in 2014, winning a new term that expires on December 31, 2018. Scott has been a visiting judge in other district courts across the State. He has received and maintains his certification as a Certified Juvenile Court Judge. Prior to winning his election for judge, Scott was a partner in the private practice law firm of Gavin, Cox, Pugh, Etheridge, and Wilhoit, LLP; practicing primarily in criminal law and family law matters. He has also served in the capacity of a Public Defender, a Commonwealth's Attorney, and is a former member of the Board of Elections in Randolph County. He received his BS from Old Dominion University and a JD law from

Campbell University. He has been a presenter at various events and conferences across the State of North Carolina, including continuing legal education for both attorneys and paralegals.